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FOR THE BOROUGH OF GREAT TORRINGTON. FOR THE YEAR 1946

During the year the general health of the Borough has been very good.

BIRTHS. There have been 57 births - 33 boys and 24 girls - compared with 46 in the preceding twelve months.

DEATHS. There have been 50 deaths - 25 male and 25 female. Average age (excluding two infants) - 75.4 years.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Heart Disease.....	20	Ulcer of Stomach...	1
Disease of Brain....	7	Kidney Disease	1
Disease of Lungs ...	5	Epilepsy.....	1
Cancer	5	Sepsis.....	1
Senile Decay.....	4	Suicide.....	1
Disease of Arteries.	2	Prematurity.....	2

TUBERCULOSIS There have been two cases of Tuberculosis of the Lungs notified during the year.

VENEREAL DISEASE. V.D. is not notifiable. Only one case has come to my notice.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. Only one case of notifiable infectious disease is recorded - a case of Erysipelas.

In February there was a fairly sever epidemic of Influenza, and an unusual number of cases of Pneumonia.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION Thirty six infants were immunised against Diphtheria during the year.

WATER SUPPLY. The water is of good quality: but a report was made of the serious shortage of water in certain parts of the town. Some houses receive no water at all from the mains during many hours of the day. This constitutes a serious menace to health, and is a problem which requires urgent attention.

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